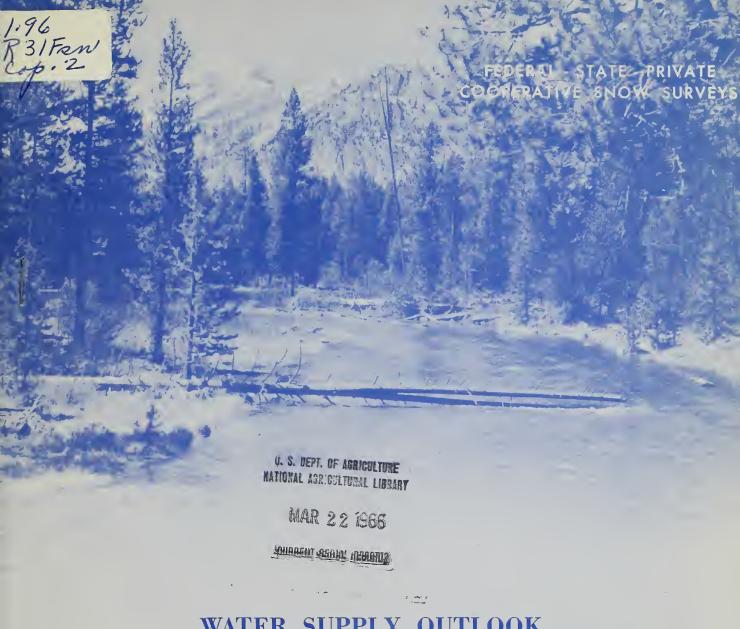
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# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

and FEDERAL - STATE - PRIVATE COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEYS for **NEVADA** 

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE... SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE, and

NEVADA DEPARTMENT of CONSERVATION and NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION of WATER RESOURCES

Data included in this report were obtained by the agencies named above in cooperation with the Federal, State and private organizations listed on the last page of this report.

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

To Recipients of Water Supply Outlook Reports:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season as they affect runoff will add to be an effective average. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1400 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. In the near future, it is anticipated that automatic snow water equivalent sensing devices along with radio telemetry will provide a continuous record of snow water equivalent at key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data or reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

Listed below are water supply outlook reports based on Federal-State-Private Cooperative snow surveys. Those published by the Soil Conservation Service may be obtained from Soil Conservation Service, Room 507, Federal Building, 701 N. W. Glisan, Portland, Oregon 97209.

#### PUBLISHED BY SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

REPORTS	ISSUED	LOCATION	COOPERATING WITH
RIVER BASINS			
VESTERN UNITED STATES	MONTHLY (FEBMAY)	PORTLAND. OREGON.	. ALL COOPERATORS
BASIC DATA SUMMARY	OCTOBER 1	PORTLANO, OREGON.	ALL COOPERATORS
STATES			
ALASKA	MONTHLY (MARMAY)	PALMER, ALASKA	_ ALASKA S.C.D.
AR I ZON A	SEMI-MONTHLY (JAN.15 - APR.1)	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	SALT R. VALLEY WATER USERS ASSOC ARIZ. AGR. EXP. STATION
GOLORADO ANO NEW MEXICO	MONTHLY (FEBMAY)	FORT COLLINS, COLORAGO.	COLO. STATE UNIVERSITY COLO. STATE ENGINEER N. MEX. STATE ENGINEER
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ORE GON	MONTHLY (JANJUNE)	PORTLANO, OREGON	OREG. STATE UNIVERSITY OREGON STATE ENGINEER
UTAH	MONTHLY (JAN JUNE)	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	UTAH STATE ENGINEER
WASHINGTON	MONTHLY (FEBJUNE)	_ SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	WN. STATE DEPT. OF CONSERVATION
WYOMING	MONTHLY (FEBJUNE)	CASPER, WYOMING	WYOMING STATE ENGINEER
	PUBLISHED	BY OTHER AGENCIES	
REPORTS	ISSUED		AGENCY
British Columbia	MONTHLY (FEBJUNE)		S SERVICE, DEPT. OF LANOS. R RESOURCES, PARLIAMENT BLOG., CANAOA
CALIFORNIA	MONTHLY (FEBMAY)	CALIF. DEPT. OF	WATER RESOURCES, P.O. Box 388,

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

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# ALPHABETICAL INDEX TO NEVADA SNOW COURSES

This alphabetical tabulation of snow courses has been prepared to provide readers with rapid access to basic snow survey data. The reader is referred to the "Index to Nevada Snow Courses by basins" and "Nevada Snow Courses" map on the next page for other detailed information such as location, elevation, basin and sub-basin, state and numbering system legend.

SNOW COURSE	NO.	PLATE	SNOW COURSE	NO.	PLATE
BAKER #1 BAKER #2 BAKER #3 BALO MOUNTAIN BARBER CREEK BEAR CREEK BERRY CREEK BIG BENO BIG CREEK MINE 81G CREEK, UPPER BIRO CREEK, UPPER BLIC CREEK BLIC LAKES BOCA #2 SROCKWAY SUMMIT	15J17a 14L1 14L2 19H1 20H5 15H1MA 14K2 15H4MP 17K1 17K2 17K3 14K1 19L5 20K14 20K22	8,11 7 7 7 7 13 13 10,11 7 10,11 6 6 7 3,4 2,4	LAMOILLE #2 LAMOILLE #4 LAMOILLE #4 LAMOILLE #5 LAPON MEAGOW LAUREL ORAW LEAVITT MEAGOWS LEE CANYON #1 LEE CANYON #2 LEE CANYON #3 LITTLE BALLY MTN. LITTLE VALLEY	15J4 15J5 15J6M 15J7 15J8 1BL1 16H5 19L8 15N4 15N3 15N8 19H4a 19K3 19L17a 17G4a 17L1	8,11 8,11 B,11 B,11 8,11 5 10 5 6 6 6 6 6 13 2 5 12 6
BUCKEYE FORKS BUCKEYE ROUGHS BUCKSKIN, LOWER BUCKSKIN, UPPER CAMPITO MOUNTAIN	19L11 19L10 17H2 17H1	5 5 11,12 11,12	MERRITT MTN. MIOAS	19K4M 17H3 14M1 15H2O 16H3AP	2,3 11,12 6 10 10,11
CARSON PASS, UPPER CAVE CREEK CEOAR PASS CENTER MOUNTAIN CHIATOVICH FLAT CLARK CANYON	19L4 15J13 20H6 19L12A 18M5 15N2	3,4 7,8,11 13 5 6	MONTGOMERY PASS MT. GRANT MT. ROSE MURRAY SUMMIT  OREGON CANYON	18M1 1BL2 19K2 14K3	6 5 2 7
CLEAR CREEK COLUMBIA BASIN CORRAL CANYON OAGGETTS PASS	19K5 16H6 a 15J12A	3,4 10 8,11 2,3,4	PINCHOT CREEK PINE CANYON PIUTE PASS POISON FLAT	1 BM3 a 1 4M2 1 8M4 a 1 9 L 6 A	6 6 6 3,4
DENIO CREEK OISASTER PEAK DISMAL 5WAMP DONNER PARK #2 DONNER SUMMIT DORSEY 8ASIN	18G6 a 18H1 20H3 a 20K21 20K10 15J1MP	12 12 13 2 2,4 B,11	POLE CANYON POLE CREEK R. S. QUINN RIOGE RAINBOW CANYON #2	15J18 a 15H14 17H6 a	B,11 9 12
CRY CREEK EAGLE PEAK EBBETTS PASS ECHO SUMMIT FAWN CREEK	15J3 20H7 19L19a 20L5	8,11 13 3 2,3,4	REO POINT RESERVATION CREEK RICHAROSONS #2 ROBINSON LAKE	15H18 a 20H4 20L3 15J16 a 15K1 15H6MP 20L1	9 13 2 8,11 7 10,11
FOROYCE LAKE 49-MTN. FOX CREEK FREEL BENCH FRY CANYON FURNACE FLAT	20K7 19H3 15H2 19L2 15H7 20K8	2,4 13 10 2 10,11 2,4	RUBICON #2 RYAN RANCH SAGE HEN CREEK 76 CREEK SILVER CREEK #2 SONORA PASS	20L2 15J2 20K6 15H3A 14K7 19L7M	2 8,11 2,4 10,11 7 3,5
GLENBROOK #2 GOAT CREEK GOLCONOA #2 GOLO CREEK GRANITE PEAK GREEN MOUNTAIN	19K6 15H13 17J2 15H5 17H4 15J9MP	2,3 9 11 10,11 11,12 8,11	SQAW VALLEY #2	20K19 15H19a 20K16 15H9MP 19M1 16H7a	2 10,11 2,4 10,11 5 10,11
HAGANS MEAOOW HAGER CANYON HARRISON PASS #1 HARRISON PASS #2 HAYS CANYON HOLE-IN-MOUNTAIN HUMMINGBIRO SPRINGS	19L3M 15J14 15J10 15J11 19H2 15J15 15H15A	2,4 7,8,11 8,11 13 8,11 19,11	TREMEWAN RANCH TROUGH SPRINGS TROUT CREEK TROUT CREEK, LOWER TROUT CREEK, UPPER TRUCKEE #2	15H8 15N1 18G5 a 15H10P 15H11A 20K13M	10,11 6 12 B,11 8,11
INOEPENOENCE CAMP INOEPENOENCE CREEK INOEPENOENCE LAKE	20K4M 20K3 20K5	2,4	UPPER CORRAL UPPER FISH VALLEY UPPER TRUCKEE	17L2 19L16a 19L1	6 3 2
JACK CREEK, LOWER JACK CREEK, UPPER JACKS PEAK JAKES CREEK	16H1M 16H2A 16H4 14H1	10,11 10,11 10,11 9	VIRGINIA LAKES  WARO CREEK WARO MOUNTAIN #2 WEBBER LAKE WEBBER PEAK	19L13M 20K17M 14K5 20K2 20K1	5 2,4 7 2
KALAMAZOO CREEK KYLE CANYON	1 4KB 1 5N 5	7 6	WHITE RIVER #1	19L18a 15L1 19L9 19L20a	3 7 5 3
LAKE LUCILLE LAMANCE CREEK	17H5	11,12	Cucen	, 3L 20 a	

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NUMBER	NAME		P. RGE.	ELEV.
	SNAKE RIVER B	ASIN		
15H1MA 15H2 15H13 15H15A 14H1 15H2O 15H14 15H18a 15H3A 15H19a	E RIVER  BEAR CREEK FOX CREEK GDAT CREEK HUMMINGBIRO SPRINGS JAKES CREEK MERRITT MOUNTAIN POLE CREEK RANGER STATION RED POINT 76 CREEK STAG MTN.	31 46 33 46 31 46 6 45 10 46 13 46 15 47 29 41	N 58E N 60E N 60E N 62E N 54E N 59E N 61E N 58E	7800 6800 8800 8945 7000 7000 8330 7940 7100 7800
15H4MP 16H6a 16H8a 15H5 16H1M 16H2A 16H4 16H5 17G4a 15H9MP	EE RIVER  BIG BENO COLUMBIA BASIN FAWN CREEK GOLO CREEK JACK CREEK, LOWER JACK CREEK, LPPER JACKS PEAK LAUREL ORAW LOUSE CANYON (OREG) TAYLOR CANYON	30 45 31 44 2 45 31 45 18 42 9 42 28 42 20 45 27 40 35 39	N 53E N 52E N 56E N 53E N 53E N 53E	6700 6650 7000 6600 6800 7250 8420 6700 6440 6200
	INTERIOR			
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	R HUMBOLOT RIVER BIG CREEK CAMP GROUND BIG CREEK MINE BIG CREEK, UPPER BUCKSKIN, LOWER BUCKSKIN, LOWER GOLCONDA #2 GRANITE PEAK LAMANCE CREEK LOWER CDRRAL MARTIN CREEK MITO JAM UPPER CORRAL	10 17 23 17 26 17 25 45 11 22 35 22 44 13 42 18 42 18 39 20 11	43E 7N 43E 5N 39E 5N 39E 4N 39E 4N 40E 4N 40E 6N 40E 6N 40E	6600 7600 8000 6700 8200 6000 7800 6000 7200 7200 8500
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18M2 18M5 a 15N2 18M1 18M3 a 18M4 a 15N1	WARO MOUNTAIN #2  RAL GREAT BASIN  CAMPITO MIN (CAL.) CHICTOVICH FLAT  CLARK CANYON MONTGOMERY PASS PINCHOT CREEK PIUTE PASS (CAL.) TROUGH SPRINGS  HERN GREAT BASIN	1 9 5 3 2 2 8 1 9 4 1 2 8 1	N 33E N 33E S 33E	7875 10200 10500 9000 7100 9300 11700 8500
1 9H1 20H5 20H6 18G6 18H1 20H3 20H7 19H3 19H2 19H4 17G5 a 17H6 a 20H4 18G5 a	BALD MOUNTAIN BARBER CREEK CEDAR PASS CENIO CREEK (OREG.) OISASTER PEAK DISMAL SWAMP (CAL.) EAGLE PEAK 49-MTN HAYS CANYON LITTLE BALLY MTN OREGON CANYON (OREG.) OUINN RIOGE RESERVATIIN CREEK TROUT CREEK (OREG.)	17 45 23 35 12 43 14 41 8 41 31 48 35 40 7 42 1 39 8 45 9 47 1 2 46	0N 16E BN 14E S 34E VN 34E VN 15E DN 19E DN 19E SN 19E VN 40E N 15E	6720 6500 7100 6500 7000 7200 6000 7240 6400 6400 7240 6300 5900 7800

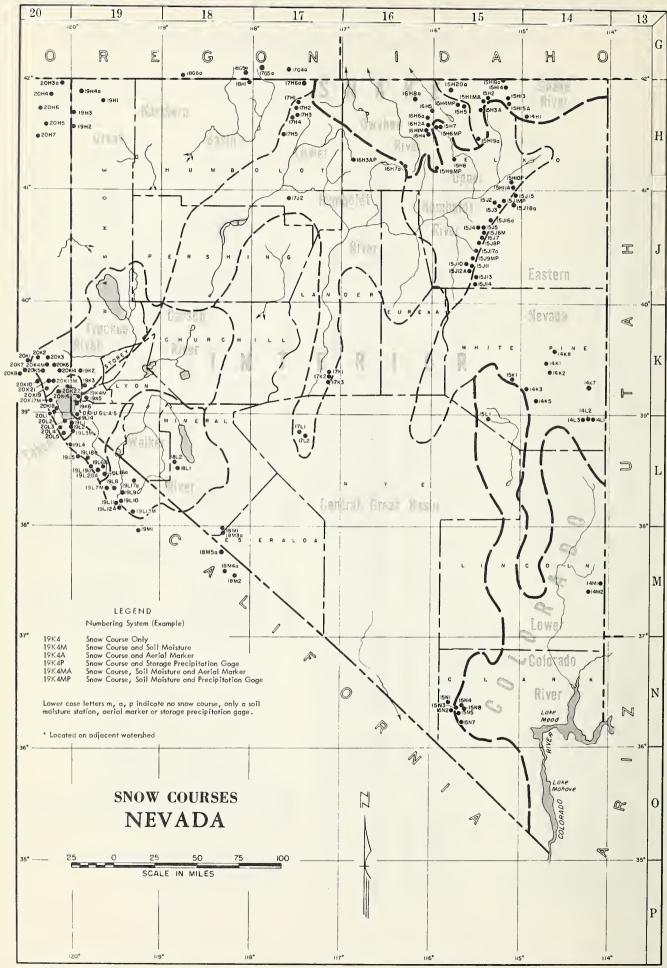
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LAKE	TAHOE				
19L14 20L5 19L2 19K6 19L3M 20L4 19K4M 20L3 20L1 20L2 20K16 19L1 20K17M	OAGGETTS PASS ECHD SUMMIT (CAL.) FREEL BENCH (CAL.) GLENBROOK #2 HAGANS MEADOW (CAL.) LAXE LUCILLE (CAL.) MARLETTE LAKE RICHARDSONS #2 (CAL.) RUBICON #1 (CAL.) RUBICON #2 (CAL.) TAHOE CITY (CAL.) UPPER TRUCKEE (CAL.)	1 9 6 3 6 1 3 3 6 2 8 1 3 6 6 6 6 2 1 2 1	13N 11N 12N 14N 12N 12N 15N 13N 13N 15N 15N	19E 18EE 18EE 17EE 17EE 17EE 17EE 16E	7 3 5 0 7 4 5 0 7 3 0 0 6 9 0 0 8 0 0 0 8 0 0 0 6 5 0 0 8 1 0 0 6 2 5 0 6 4 0 0 7 0 0 0
TRUC	KEE RIVER				
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CARS	ON RIVER				
19L5 19L4 19K5 19L19a 19L6A 19L16a 19L20a 19L18a	BLUE LAKES (CAL.) CARSON PASS, UPPER (CAL CLEAR CAREK EBBETS PASS (CAL.) POISON FLAT (CAL.) UPPER FISH VALLEY (CAL.) WOLF CREEK WET MEAOOWS LAKE (CAL.)	6 17 25	9 N 1 O N 1 4 N 8 N 8 N 7 N 8 N 9 N	19E 18E 19E 20E 21E 22E 20E 19E	8000 8600 7300 8700 7900 8050 8000 8100
WALK	ER RIVER				
19L11 19L10 19L12A 18L1 19L8 19L17 a 18L2 19L7M 19M1* 19L13M 19L9	BUCKEYE FORKS (CAL.) BUCKEYE ROUGHS (CAL.) CENTER MOUNTAIN (CAL.) LAPON MEADOW LEAVITT MEADOWS (CAL.) LOBOELL LAKE MT. GRANT TIOGA PASS (CAL.) VIRGINIA LAKES (CAL.) WILLOW FLAT (CAL.)	20 15 4 36 4 20 23 1 30 .5	4 N 4 N 3 N 8 N 5 N 7 N 8 N 5 N 1 N 2 N	23E 23E 28E 28E 24E 24E 25E 25E 25E	8500 7900 9400 9000 7200 9200 9000 8800 9900 9500 8250
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# NUMBERING SYSTEM (EXAMPLE)

19K4 SNOW COURSE ONLY
19K4M SNOW COURSE AND SOIL MOISTURE
19K4A SNOW COURSE AND AERIAL MARKER
19K4P SNOW COURSE AND STORAGE PRECIPITATION GAGE
19K4MA SNOW COURSE, SOIL MOISTURE AND AERIAL MARKER
19K4MP SNOW COURSE, SOIL MOISTURE AND PRECIPITATION
GAGE

LOWER CASE LETTERS M, a, p, INDICATE NO SNOW COURSE, ONLY A SOIL MOISTURE STATION, AERIAL MARKER OR STORAGE PRECIPITATION GAGE.

<sup>.</sup> LOCATEO ON AOJACENT WATERSHEO



# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR NEVADA

March 1, 1966

\* In general most Nevada water users will have an adequate water supply \* \* during the 1966 irrigation season. Nevada's April-July 1966 runoff \* \* will range from 55-110 percent of average. Limited shortages will \* \* \* occur in some areas served by direct diversion without reservoired \* water to augment the water supply. Above normal March-May precipitation \* \* \* can improve the outlook in this respect. Reservoir storage is good to × excellent. Soil moisture conditions under the mountain snowpack are \* good to excellent. 

## STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

East slope Sierra streams are forecast to flow from 100-107 percent of average during April-July 1966. Lake Tahoe is expected to rise to its upper decreed limit of 6229.1.

April-July 1966 streamflow in the Humboldt-Owyhee ranges from 53-65 percent on north side tributaries to 88-95 percent from the Ruby Mountains. Central and southern Nevada streamflow will range from fair to good.

Unless March-May precipitation is above normal many smaller streams will fall off sharply during mid to late summer.

# RESERVOIR STORAGE

Currently Nevada's seven principal reservoirs exclusive of Lakes Mead and Mohave hold 1,039,000 acre-feet of stored water. This is 134 percent of the March 1 average and 76 percent of capacity. This water will prove to be most useful in augmenting streamflow which may drop off in some areas in late summer. Many reservoirs will carry over at least an average quantity of water into the 1967 water-year.

## SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS

The moisture content of mountain soils in northern and western Nevada is good to excellent. Range forage growth during the spring should likewise be good.

Soils in southern and south central Nevada are in a better moisture condition than is usual. Range forage growth will reflect this condition.

#### SNOW COVER

February 1966 snowfall following the pattern of the latter half of January was below average in most of Nevada's mountain watersheds. As a result the March 1, 1966 snowpack ranges from slightly above average in the Charleston Mountains and east slope Sierra to well below average in the northern tributaries to the Humboldt River. The snow cover pattern is varied with many low to median elevation snow courses having better (percentage) snowpack than the nearby high elevation snow courses.



# NEVADA STREAMFLOW FORECASTS - MARCH 1, 1966

The following summarized runoff forecasts are based principally on mountain snow cover and the assumption that precipitation and temperature will be near average from the present time to the end of the forecast period. Appreciable deviations from normal of temperature and/or precipitation will correspondingly modify these forecasts.

April-July, Streamflow Thousands A								
Basin and Forecast Stream	Forecast 1966	15-Yr. Av. 1948-62	1966 as % of 15 <b>-Y</b> r.Av.	Meas Run 1965				
TRUCKEE RIVER								
Little Truckee River above Boca, California 3	96	78	(**) 123 (101)	129	63			
Truckee River at Farad, Calif. 2,3	284	269	106 (101)	320	180			
Lake Tahoe 1,3	1.50	1.47	102 (100)	1.76	0.90			
CARSON RIVER								
East Carson nr. Gardnerville, Nev.	185	179	103	235	113			
West Carson at Woodfords, Calif.	55	52	106	72	35			
Carson River nr. Carson City, Nev.	180	169	107	243	87			
Carson River at Ft. Churchill, Nev.	165	155	106	218	70			
East Carson nr. Gardnerville, Nev. (Date of 200 c.f.s. flow)	7/22	7/20		8/27	7/9			
WALKER RIVER								
East Walker nr. Bridgeport, Calif.4	62	57	107	88	21			
West Walker below E. Fork nr. Coleville, Calif.	150	140	107	186	86			
COLORADO RIVER								
Virgin River at Virgin, Utah 5	57	43	133	NA	37			

(Continued)

	April-Ju	ly, Strea	mflow Thous	ands Acı	re Feet
Basin and Forecast Stream	Forecast 1966	15-Yr. Av. 1948-62	1966 as % of 15-Yr.Av.	Measi Rund 1965	
HUMBOLDT RIVER					
Lamoille Creek nr. Lamoille, Nev.	23	26	88	34	33
So. Fk. Humboldt nr. Elko, Nev.	57	60	95	93	88
Marys River above Hot Springs, Nev.	20	34	59	52	30
North Fk. Humboldt at Devils Gate, N	Wev. 18	34	53	43	33
Humboldt River at Palisade, Nev.	140	173	81	247	271
Humboldt River at Comus, Nev.	95	127	75	211	207
Martin Creek nr. Paradise, Nev.	11 -	17	65	19	12
SNAKE RIVER					, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Owyhee River nr. Owyhee, Nev.6	45	<b>T</b> <sup>1</sup> +	61	97	78
Owyhee River nr. Gold Creek, Nev.6	14	22	64	28	21
Salmon Falls Creekenr. San Jacinto, Nevada 7	65 63	<b>7</b> 8 76	83 83	106 98	102 98
SURPRISE VALLEY					
Bidwell Cr. nr. Ft. Bidwell, Cal.	9.3	14.3*	65	NA	,
Mill Cr. nr. Cedarville, Calif. 8	3.6	5.5	65	NA	5
Deep Cr. nr. Cedarville, Calif.8	2.4	3.8	63	NA	3
Eagle Cr. nr. Eagleville, Calif.8	3.7	5.2	71	NA	5

<sup>1.</sup> Maximum rise, in feet, from April 1, assuming gates closed.

2. Exclusive of Tahoe and corrected for storage in Boca Reservoir.

5. April-June forecast; issued by SCS, Salt Lake City, Utah.

6. Corrected for storage in Wild Horse Reservoir.
7. March-Sept. and March-July forecasts respectively; issued by SCS, Boise, Ida

\* Adjusted average.

<sup>3.</sup> Forecast issued by Truckee Basin Water Committee, composed of Truckee-Carso Irrigation District, Sierra Pacific Power Company, and Washoe County Water Conservation District.

<sup>4.</sup> For period April through August corrected for storage in Bridgeport Reservo

<sup>8.</sup> April-Sept. forecast; coordinated forecast of SCS and California Dept. of Water Resources, Snow Survey Units.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Number in parenthesis is forecast as percent of long term average

NA Not Available

# STATUS OF RESERVOIR STORAGE MARCH 1, 1966

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			USA	BLE STORAGE	E - 1000	ACRE FEET
Basin and Stream	Reservoir	Usable Capacity (1000 AF)	1966	1965	1964	March 1 15-Yr.Av. 1948-62
Owyhee	Wild Horse	33	17	9*	25	14
Lower Humboldt	Rye Patch	179	179	139	79	63
Colorado	Mohave	1,810	1,699	1,683	1,674	1,357**
Colorado	Mead	27,217	15,589	11,361	15,090	17,037
Tahoe	Tahoe	732	540	486	350	395
Truckee	Boca	41	2	3	6	6
Truckee	Prosser***	30	10	9	10	<b>#</b> ##
Carson	Lahontan	286	213	235	225	186
West Walker	Topaz	59	5 <sup>1</sup> 4	45	50	34
East Walker	Bridgeport	42	34	30	42	28

<sup>\*</sup> Reservoir drained during summer to effect repairs to dam.

# TOTAL RESERVOIR STORAGE

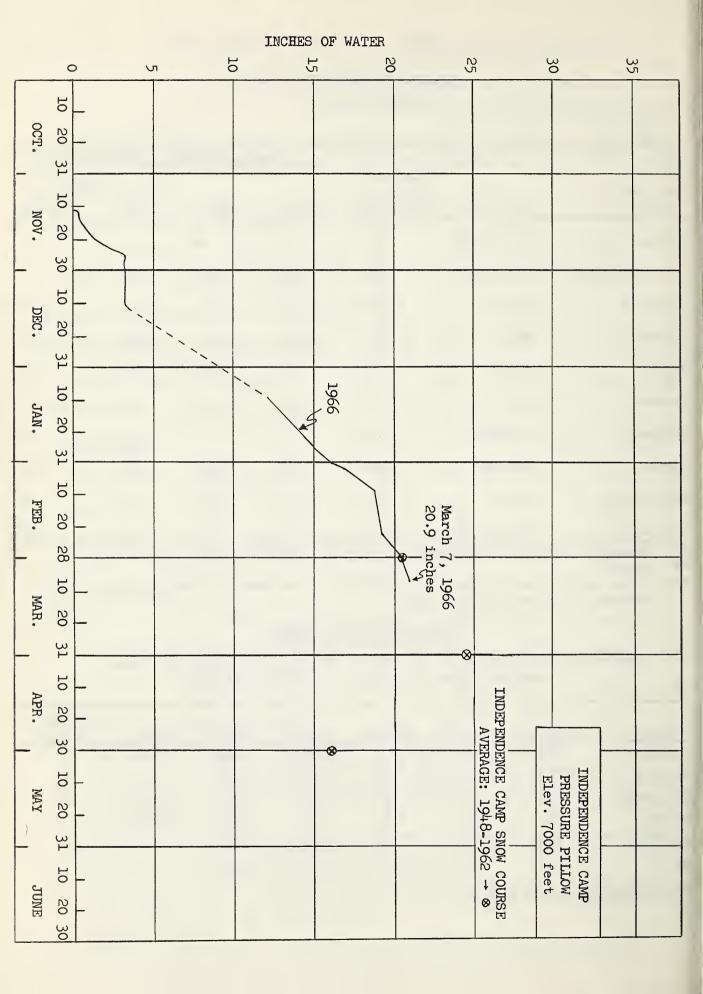
Developed from Wild Horse, Rye Patch, Tahoe, Boca, Lahontan, Topaz, and Bridgeport Reservoirs in 1000's Acre Feet

Month	1960-61	1961-62	1962 <b>-</b> 63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	Average 1948-62
October 1	263	65	345	707	498	1144	572
January 1	206	57	419	756	785	1112	622
February 1	218	73	558	784	911	1056	670
March 1	254	210	696	777	948	1039	725
April 1	285	318	769	775	1008		776
May 1	300	499	844	814	1104		834

TOTAL USABLE CAPACITY 1,372

<sup>\*\* 1950-62</sup> 

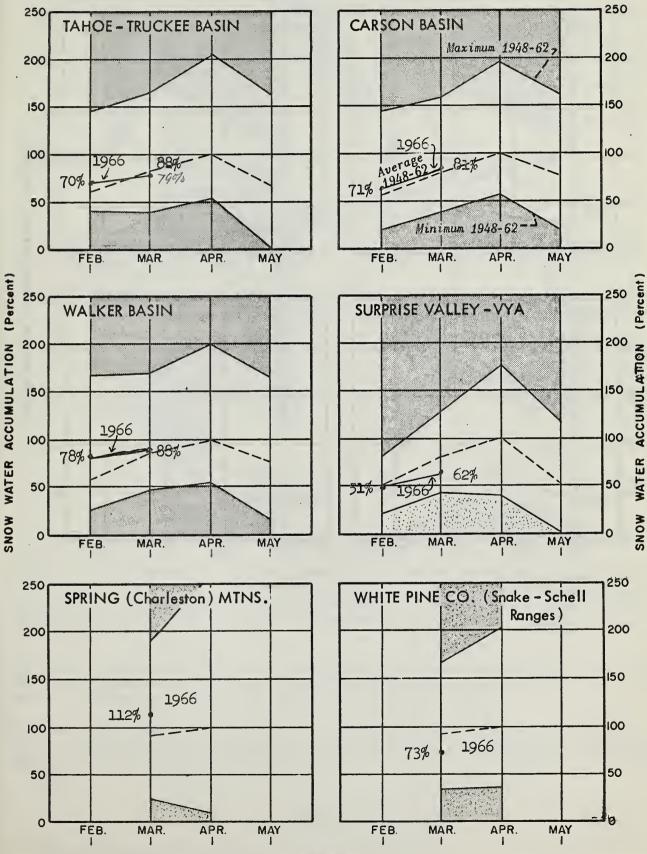
<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Flood control use allocation of 20,000 A.F. between November 1 and April 10; storage began January 30, 1963.



# SNOW WATER ACCUMULATION IN NEVADA

Percent of average maximum accumulation

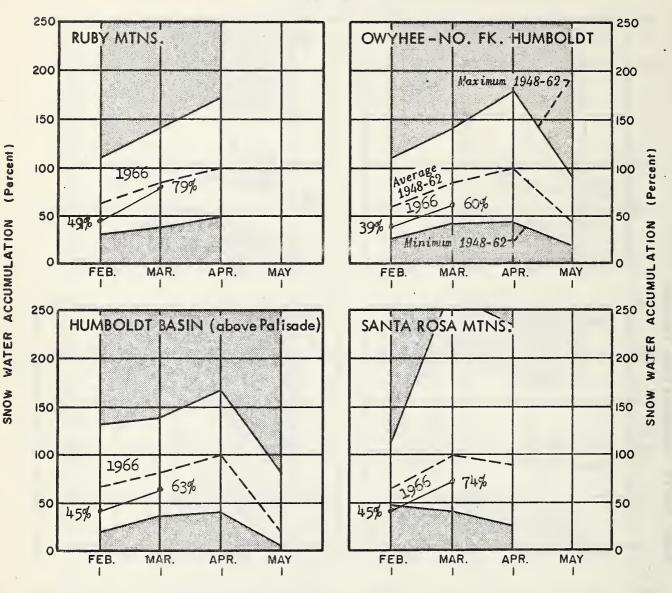
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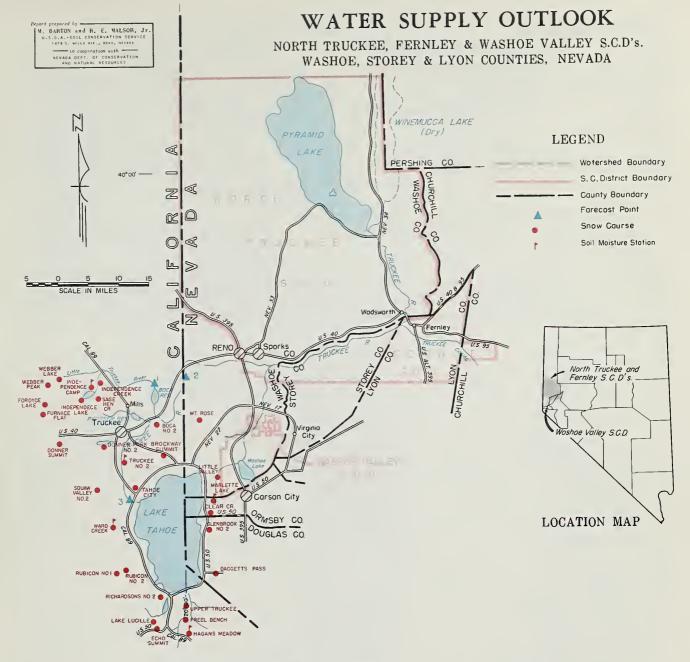


# SNOW WATER ACCUMULATION IN NEVADA

Percent of average maximum accumulation

As of Merch 1, 1966





March 1, 1966

February 1966 snowfall in the Lake Tahoe-Truckee basins was below average. Due to the heavy snowpack which accumulated in late fall-early winter the basin snowpack is almost normal at 94 percent of the March 1 average. Soil moisture conditions are good. Lake Tahoe held 540,000 acre-feet on March 1, 1966, and was at 6,227.48 feet above sea level.

The Truckee Basin Water Committee forecasts that it will be possible to fill Lake Tahoe to its maximum elevation of 6,229.1 feet above sea level. Lake rise from April 1 assuming gates closed is forecast at 1.50 feet.

The Committee forecast April-July 1966 flow of Truckee at Farad at 284,000 acrefeet and Little Truckee above Boca at 96,000 acre-feet. Donner Lake, Independence Lake, and Boca Reservoir will fill.

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY		ED (First o	
Lake Tahoe	732	540	486	395
Boca	41	2	3	6
Prosser b	29	10	9	60 em
b/ Flood contr 20,000 a.f.				

NOTE:

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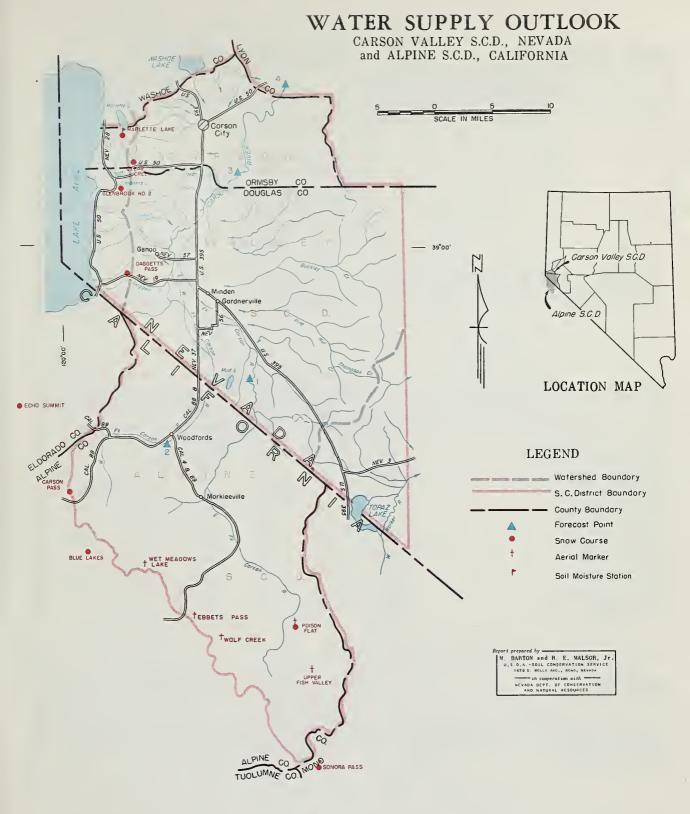
# APRIL - JULY RUNOFF (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	MEAS LAST YEAR	URED AVERAGE
1.Little Truckee River above Boca 2.Truckee River at	96	129	78
Farad, Calif. 3. Lake Tahoe rise	284 1.50	320 1.76	269 1.47
(In Ft. from Apr. l assuming gates closed)			. 1
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Truckee Basin Water Committee

SNOW March 1, 1966		CUR	RENT INFORMA	TION	PAST RECORD	
SNOW COURSE		DATE OF	SNOW DEPTH	WATER	WATER CONTENT (Inche	
NAME	ELEVATION	SURVEY	(Inches)	(Inches)	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
LAKE TAHOE  Daggetts Pass Echo Summit Freel Bench Glenbrook #2 Hagans Meadow Little Valley Marlette Lake Richardsons #2 Rubicon #1 Rubicon #2 Tahoe City Upper Truckee Ward Creek	7350 7500 7300 6900 8000 6300 8000 6500 8100 7500 6250 6400 7000	2/25 3/2 2/28 2/27 2/28 2/18 2/25 2/27 3/5 3/5 3/1 2/28 3/1	35 96 34 37 45 31 57 47 114 74 35 93	11.3 28.9 12.2 11.7 15.1 11.9 20.1 15.7 40.0 28.5 12.2 11.6 35.6	10.5 45.0 15.6 11.6 21.7 7.6 19.0 16.4 53.1 34.9 11.6 11.8 48.3	11.2* 29.8 12.0* 11.6* 16.9* 11.6* 18.4 17.6* 40.4* 24.7* 11.8 10.0* 38.6*
TRUCKEE RIVER Boca #2 Brockway Summit Donner Park #2 Donner Summit Fordyce Lake Furnace Flat Independence Camp Independence Creek Independence Lake Sage Hen Creek Squaw Valley #2 Truckee #2	5900 7100 6000 6900 6500 6600 7000 6500 8450 6500 7500 6400	3/2 3/3 3/2 3/2 3/2 2/28 2/28 3/2 3/2 3/2 3/3	27 49 63 94 90 108 68 50 91 58 109 48	7.0 14.6 18.3 34.8 36.9a 41.4a 22.7 14.4 32.2 17.6 39.7 14.8	9.3 19.1 16.0 39.2 25.6 16.4 50.5 18.8 54.6 18.4	7.2* 17.5* 33.9 33.8* 39.3* 20.5* 13.7* 31.4* 14.9* 16.7*

SOIL MOISTURE	PROFILE	(Inches)		SOIL MOISTU	RE (Inches)		
STATION		DEPTH	CAPACITY	DATE	THIS	LAST	2 YEARS
NAME	ELEVATION		OAL AUT	- SAIL	YEAR	YEAR	AGO
Hagans Meadow Independence Camp Marlette Lake Truckee #2 Ward Creek	8000 7000 8000 6400 7000	36 34 50 18 49	3.65 6.10 3.70 3.65 5.80	Not Ava 3/2 2/25 3/2 3/1	ilable 6.1 3.1 2.9 5.8	3.6 5.9 3.4 3.7 5.8	2.9 5.2 3.6 2.7 4.8



March 1, 1966

Carson Valley water users will have an adequate irrigation season water supply this spring and summer. However late season streamflow may fall below required amounts during later summer. The mountain snowpack ranges from average to near average. In aggregate the snowpack is 100 percent of the March 1 average. Percentagewise low elevation snow is better than high elevation snow.

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	RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPAC:TY	MEASURED (First of Month THIS YEAR LAST YEAR AVERA							
	Lahontan	286	213	235	186					

NOTE: All averages based on 1948-62, 15 year period. Forecast period is April 1 through July 31 unless otherwise noted. a-Aerial marker; water content estimated. \* 1948-62 adjusted average.

# APRIL - JULY RUNOFF (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

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FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	MEASI LAST YEAR	
l.East Carson nr. Gardnerville	185	235	179
2.West Carson at Woodfords, Calif.	55	72	52
3.Carson River nr. Carson City	180	243	169
4.Carson River at Ft. Churchill	165	218	155
Date 200 cfs flow E. Carson nr. Gardnerville	7/22	8/27	7/20

SNOW March 1, 1966		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORO	
SNOW COURSE		DATE OF	SNOW OEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT (Inche	
NAME	ELEVATION	SURVEY	(Inches)	(Inches)	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Carson Pass, Upper	8600	2/25	76	27.8	46.0	28.2
Clear Creek	7300	2/18	39	13.1	13.6	12.9*
Daggetts Pass	7350	2/25	35	11.3	10.5	11.2*
Ebbetts Pass	8700	Rep	ort Dela	-	32.2 <u>a</u> /	
Echo Summitt	7500	3/2	96	28.9	45.0	29.8
Glenbrook #2	6900	2/27	37	11.7	11.6	11.6*
Marlette Lake	8000	2/25	57	20.i	19.0 ,	18.4
Poison Flat	7900	3/4	50	14.0a	14.4 <u>a</u> /	
Sonora Pass	8800	2/24	63	21.0	27.9	20.2*
Upper Fish Valley	8050	3/4	63	17.6a	16.8ª/	
Wet Meadow Lake	8100	3/4	35	24.5a		
Wolf Creek	8000	Rep	ort Dela		37.8a/	

SOIL MOISTURE	PROFILE (Inches) SOIL MOISTURE (Inches)						
STATION Name	ELEVATION	DEPTH	CAPACITY	DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	2 YEARS AGO
Marlette Lake Sonora Pass	8000 8800	50 48	3.70 8.30	2/25 2/24	3.1 8.3	3.4 8.3	3.6 8.1

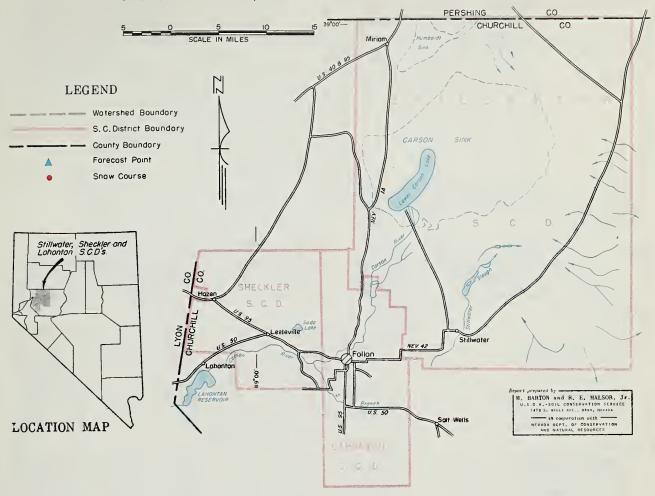
East Fork Carson is forecast to flow 185,000 acre-feet during April-July 1966. This is 103 percent of average. Date of 200 cfs flow on the East Fork Carson is July 22 which is only two days later than the usual average.

West Fork Carson is predicted at 55,000 acre-feet or 106 percent of the April-July average. The down stream main river station at Carson City and Fort Churchill are forecast to flow 180,000 (107%) and 165,000 (106%) acre-feet this coming irrigation season.

Lahontan held 213,000 acre-feet on March 1, 1966. Mountain soils are well wetted and will absorb very little snowmelt water.

# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

STILLWATER, SHECKLER, LAHONTAN S.C.D's. & VICINITY CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA



March 1, 1966

Water users in the Fallon area will have adequate irrigation water supplies in 1966. Reservoir storage is very good with the March 1, 1966 useable contents of Lahontan at 213,000 acre-feet (115% of average) and Lake Tahoe at 540,000 acre-feet (137% of average.)

Carson at Fort Churchill is forecast to flow 165,000 acre-feet during April-July 1966 which is 106 percent of average. During this same period Truckee at Farad 1s predicted to flow 284,000 acre-feet or 106 percent of the 15-year 1948-62 April-July average. Lake Tahoe is expected to rise 1.50 feet from April 1, assuming gates closed. This rise coupled with a normal March lake rise would bring the lake to 6229.1 feet above sea level, its maximum elevation.

Tahoe-Truckee-Carson March 1 snowpack is 93 to 100 percent of average. Mountain soils are wet.

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY		ED (First o	f Month) AVERAGE
Lake Tahoe	732	540	486	395
Lahontan	286	213	235	186

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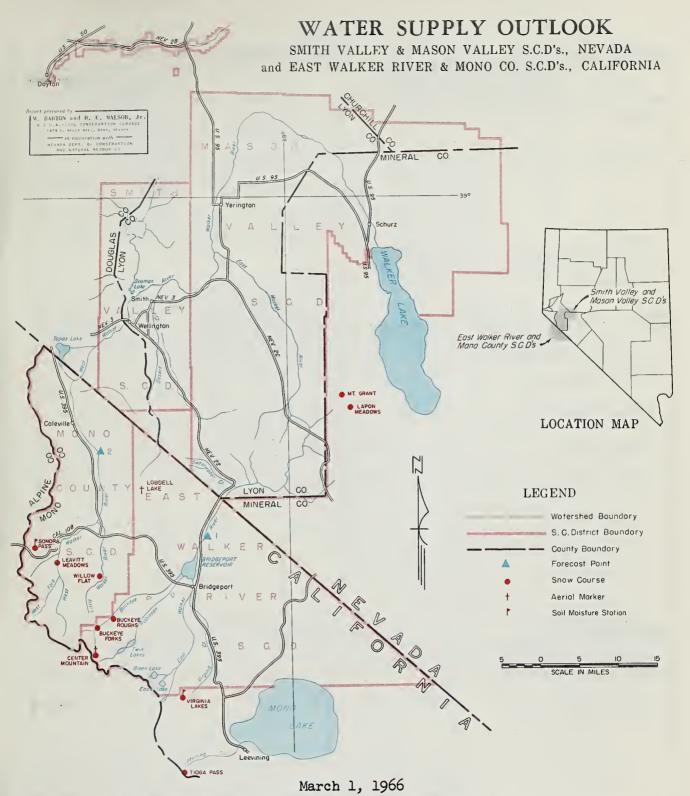
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#### APRIL - JULY RUNOFF (1.000 Ac. Ft.)

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· FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	MEAS!	URED AVERAGE
Truckee River at Farad, Calif.**	58)t	320	269
Lake Tahoe rise** (In Ft. from April l assuming gates closed)	1.50	1.76	1.47
Carson River at Fort Churchill	165	218	155
** Forecasts prepar Basin Water Comm		Truck	е

March 1, 1966 SNOW CURRENT INFORMATION PAST RECORD WATER CONTENT (Inches) WATER CONTENT (Inches) SNOW COURSE SNOW DEPTH DATE OF (Inches) ELEVATION LAST YEAR AVERAGE NAME TRUCKEE Boca #2 5900 3/2 7.2\* 7.0 9.3 27 6900 3/2 94 33.9 Donner Summit 34.8 39.2 33.8\* Fordyce Lake 6500 2/28 90 36.9a 6600 2/28 108 Furnace Flat 39.3\* 41.4a 7000 68 22.7 25.6 20.5\* Independence Camp 3/2 3/2 6500 18.8 17.4\* Sage Hen Creek 58 17.6 TAHOE 11.2\* Daggetts Pass 7350 2/25 35 11.3 10.5 3/2 96 28.9 45.0 29.8 Echo Summit 7500 21.7 2/28 16.9\* Hagans Meadow 8100 45 15.1 11.6 Tahoe City 6250 3/1 34 12.2 11.8 Ward Creek 48.3 38.6\* 7000 3/1 93 35.6 CARSON RIVER 46.0 28.2 8600 2/25 76 Carson Pass, Upper 27.8 12.9\* Clear Creek 7300 2/18 13.6 39 13.1 8800 2/24 63 27.9 20.2\* Sonora Pass 21.0

SOIL MOISTURE		PROFILE	(Inches)		SOIL MOISTUR	RE (Inches)	
STATION		DEPTH	DEPTH CAPACITY	PACITY DATE	THIS	LAST	2 YEARS
NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	CAFACITT	DATE	YEAR	YEAR	AGO
Hagans Meadow	8000	36	3.65	Not Av	ailable	3.6	2.9
Independence Camp	7000	34	6.10	3/2	6.1	5.9	5.2
Marlette Lake	8000	50	3.70	2/25	3.1	34	3.6
Sonora Pass	8800	48	8.30	2/24	8.3	8.3	8.1
Truckee #2	6400	18	3.65	3/2	1 2,9 1	3.7	2.7
Ward Creek	7000	49	5.80	3/1	5.8	5.8	4.8



Water users in Smith and Mason Valleys will have adequate irrigation water this coming spring and summer. Although February snowfall was below average Walker River snow courses range from slightly below average to slightly above average due to the heavy early season snowfall. Topaz with 54,000 acre-feet and Bridge-port with 34,000 acre-feet are well above average for this date.

The East Walker near Bridgeport is forecast to flow 62,000 acre-feet during April-August 1966 or 107% of average. During April-July 1966 the West Walker near Coleville should flow 150,000 acre-feet (107% average). Mountain soil moisture is good.

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASUR	f Month) AVERAGE	
Topaz	59	54	45	34
Bridgeport	42	34	30	28

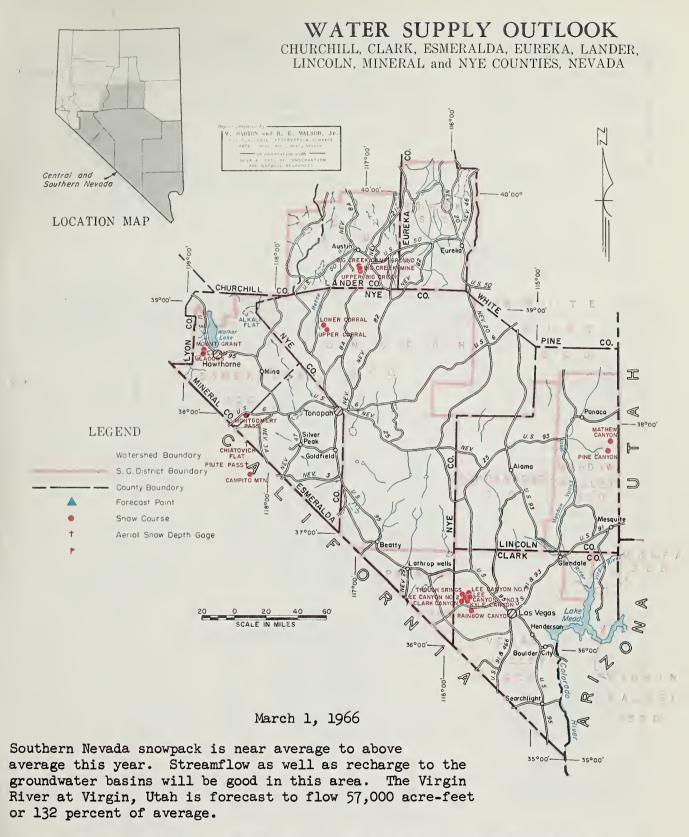
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# APRIL - HILY RUNOFF (1 000 Ac. Ft.)

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FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	MEASI LAST YEAR	
1. East Walker nr. Bridgeport, Cal.	<del>**</del> 62	88	57
2. West Walker below E. Fk. nr. Cole- ville, Calif.	150	186	140
** Apr-Aug. runoff change in Bridge			

10W March 1, 1966		CUR	RENT INFORMA	PAST RECORO		
SNOW COURSE		DATE OF	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT (Inch	
NANE	ELEVATION	SURVEY	SURVEY (Inches)	(Inches)	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Center Mountain	9400	3/4	94	30.0a	46.4a	
Lobdell Lake	9200	3/4	46	14.7a	16.8a	
Sonora Pass	8800	2/24	63	21.0	27.9	20.2
Virginia Lakes	9500	2/24	48	15.2	18.3	15.9

SOIL MOISTURE		PROFILE (Inches)		SOIL MOISTURE (Inches)			
STATION NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	CAPACITY	DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	2 YEARS AGO
Sonora Pass	8800	48	8.30	2/24	8.3	8.3	8.1



Groundwater recharge to Vegas Valley will be excellent this year due to a 109 percent to 137 percent of average snowpack in the Spring Mountains. Fish Lake Valley will have an average recharge. Streamflow in the Austin, Tonopah, and Meadow Valley SCD's will near average.

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	RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURE THIS YEAR	nth) AVERAGE						
	Mohave	1810	1699	1683	1357+	*				
	Mead	27220	15589	11361	17037					
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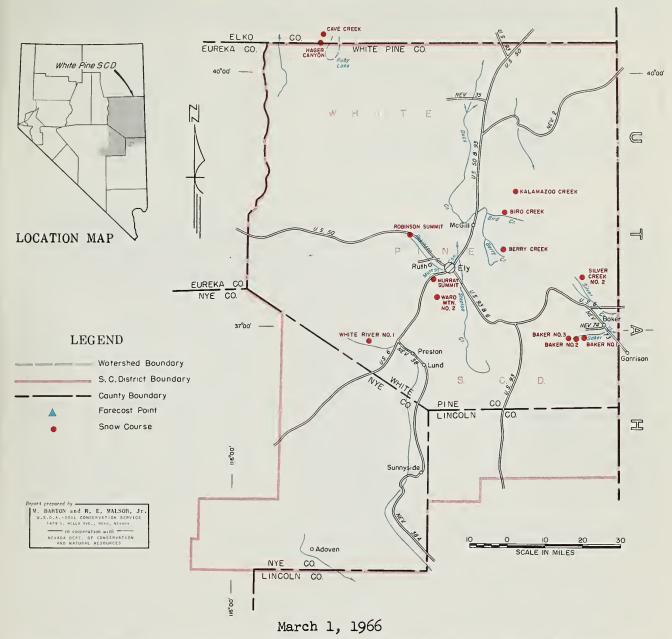
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APRIL - JULY RUNOFF (1,000	AC. FT.		
FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	MEASI LAST YEAR	
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April-June forecast Salt Lake City, Uta		ics,	

SNOW March 1, 1966		CUR	RENT INFORMA	TION	PAST R	ECORD
SNOW COURSE		DATE OF	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONT	ENT (Inches)
NAME	ELEVATION	SURVEY	(Inches)	(Inches)	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
AUSTIN SCD Big Creek Camp Ground Big Creek Mine Upper Big Creek	6600 7600 7800	2/28 2/28 2/28	13 18 18	3.0 3.5 3.8	0.2 4.4 4.4	1.9* 3.7* 5.8*
TONOPAH SCD Lower Corral Upper Corral	7500 8500	2/27 2/27	10 23	2.0 4.1	0.0 4.2	1.4* 4.5*
ESMERALDA SCD Campito Chiatovich Flat Montgomery Pass Pinchot Creek Piute Pass	10,200 10,500 7,100 9,300 11,700	2/28 3/4 2/28 3/4 3/4	12 4 5 2 6	2.7 1.0 1.4 0.5 1.5	1.1 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	7.4* 1.9*
VEGAS VALLEY SCD Clark Canyon Kyle Canyon Lee Canyon #1 Lee Canyon #2 Lee Canyon #3 Rainbow Canyon #2 Trough Springs	9000 8200 8300 9000 8400 8100 8500	Repo 3/3 2/28 2/28 2/28 2/28 2/28 3/1	rt Delay 37 28 40 30 51 28	ed 11.5 8.3 11.5 8.8 17.0 7.3	5.3 4.7 4.3 5.0 8.5 2.5	7.1* 8.9 7.6 8.4  13.2 6.1
MEADOW VALLEY SCD Mathew Canyon Pine Canyon	6200 6000	3/1 3/1	14 10	1.1	0.0	2.0*

# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

WHITE PINE S.C.D., WHITE PINE, LINCOLN & NYE COUNTIES, NEVADA



Snowpack in White Pine County is 94 percent of average this year. The higher elevation snow is below average with the lower elevation snow being above average.

In the Snake Range near Baker the snowpack is 86 percent of average and in the Schell Creek range near McGill it is 83 percent of average. Moderately below average streamflow is expected in these areas this year.

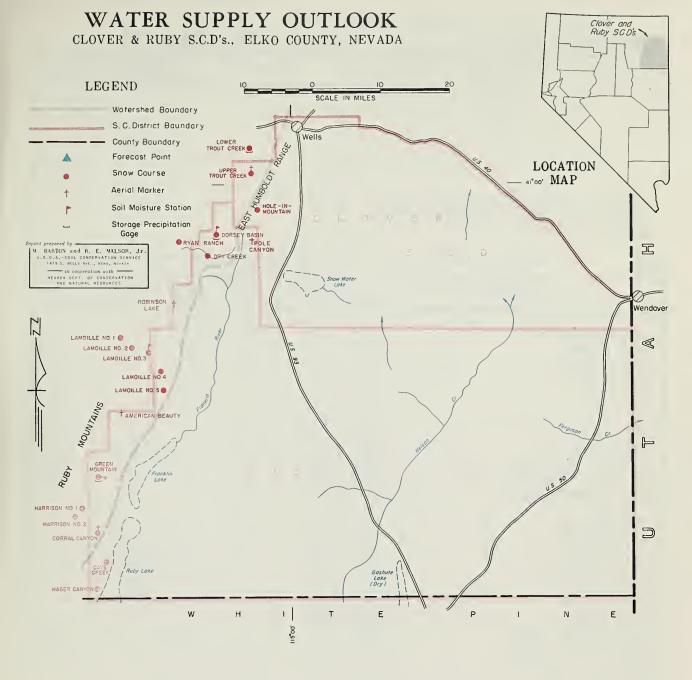
Two snow courses measured near the Ruby Wildlife refuge were 112 percent of average. Streamflow in this area should be good this year.

Plate 7

APRIL	- JULY	RUNOFF	(1,000	Ac.	Ft.)
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RESERVOIR	USABLE MEASU CAPACITY THIS YEAR	RED (First of Month)  LAST YEAR AVERAGE	FORECAST POINT	FORECAST MEASURED THIS YEAR LAST YEAR AVERAGE
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NOW March 1, 1966		CUR	RENT INFORMA	TION '	PAST R	ECORD
SNOW COURSE		DATE OF	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONT	ENT (Inches
NAME	ELEVATION	SURVEY	(Inches)	(Inches)	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Baker #1 Baker #2 Baker #3 Berry Creek Bird Creek Cave Creek Hager Canyon Kalamazoo Creek Murray Summit Robinson Summit Silver Creek #2 Ward Mtn. #2 White River #1	7950 8950 9250 9100 7500 7500 8000 7400 7250 7600 8000 8900 7400	2/25 2/25 2/25 2/28 2/28 3/3 3/2 2/28 3/2 2/24 3/1 3/1	27 46 50 37 17 50 58 24 17 19 18 39	6.0 11.3 13.0 9.7 3.7 16.7 18.2 5.5 3.2 3.9 3.3 10.6 3.6	5.7 15.0 17.7 14.8 3.7 13.8 23.7 7.1 T	5.9 13.5 15.1 12.6 4.0 13.5 18.0 7.1 3.3 4.5 16.7 2.9



March 1, 1966

Irrigation water supplies in the Clover and Ruby SCD's will be normal to below normal this spring and summer.

Mountain snowpack ranges from 48 percent to 210 percent of average. Low elevation snow is average to above average but the higher elevation snow is below to much below average.

Early season sunoff will be good due to the low elevation snowpack, however only fair runoff can be expected later in the irrigation season. Soil moisture is good so little runoff water will be required to recharge the soil mantle.

Plate 8

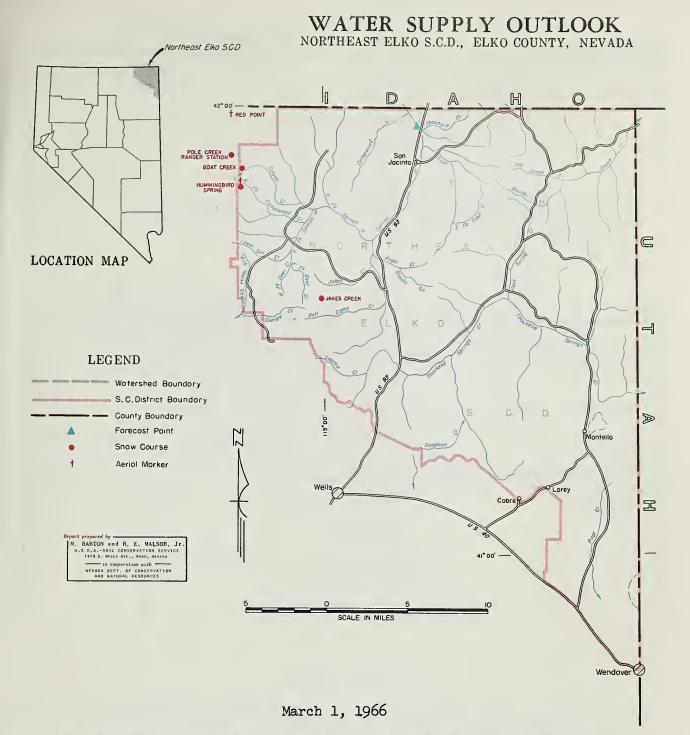
APRIL - J	ULY RUNOFF	(1,000	Ac. F	t.
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RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPAC'TY	MEASURED (First of Month) THIS YEAR LAST YEAR AVERAGE			
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FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	MEASURED LAST YEAR AVERAGE		

NOTE: All averages based on 1948-62, 15 year period. Forecast period is April 1 through July 31 unless otherwise noted. a-Aerial marker; water content estimated. • 1948-62 adjusted average.

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SNOW March 1, 1966		CURE	RENT INFORMA	TION	PAST R	ECORD
SNOW COURSE		DATE OF	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONT	ENT (Inches)
HAME	ELEVATION	SURVEY	(inches)	(Inches)	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
American Beauty Cave Creek Corral Canyon Dorsey Basin Dry Creek	7800 7500 8500 8100 6500	3/1 3/3 3/1 3/1 3/1	30 50 31. 35 25	7.2a 16.7 7.7a 8.4 5.7	13.8 17.0 10.1 0.0	13.5 16.0* 10.5 4.6
Green Mountain Hager Canyon Harrison Pass #1 Harrison Pass #2 Hole-in-Mountain	8000 8000 6600 7400 7900	2/28 3/3 2/28 2/28 2/28 3/1	39 58 22 27 43	10.6 18.2 5.2 6.3 12.6	13.5 23.7 2.0 3.8 29.4	11.8* 18.0 4.2 5.9* 17.6*
Lamoille #1 Lamoille #2 Lamoille #3 Lamoille #4 Lamoille #5 Pole Canyon Ryan Ranch Trout Creek, Lower Trout Creek, Upper	7100 7300 7700 8000 8700 9140 5800 6900 8500	3/3 3/3 3/3 3/3 3/3 3/1 3/2 3/2 3/1	42 39 40 52 57 5 17 32 40	9.3 9.0 9.2 13.1 17.1 1.3a 4.0 5.6 11.6a	8.2 7.4 16.0 22.5 32.6 New Ma 0.0	9.3 8.8 11.4 16.6 24.3* rker 1.9 3.1* 18.7*
Robinson Lake	9200	3/1	69	19.0a		



Mountain snowpack in the Salmon Falls area is 78 percent of the March 1 average this year. Mountain soils are well wetted so little runoff water will be needed for recharge of the soil mantle.

Streamflow in this area will be below average this year. Salmon Falls Creek is forecast to flow 63,000 acre-feet or 83 percent of average during March-July.

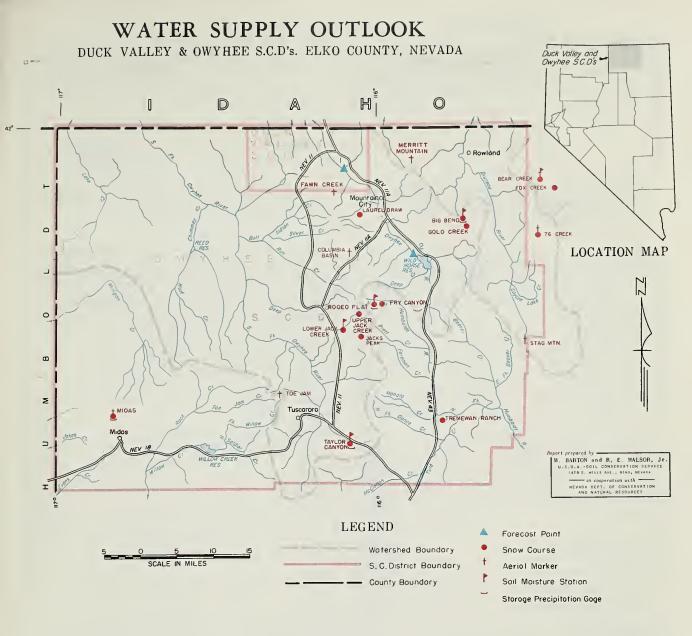
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RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month) THIS YEAR LAST YEAR AVERAGE						

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# APRIL - JULY RUNOFF (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	MEASI LAST YEAR	JRED AVERAGE
l.Salmon Falls Cr. near San Jacinto			
March-September	65	106	78
March-July	63	98	76
Forecasts issued by Boise, Idaho	scs,		

SNOW March 1, 19	166	CURI	RENT INFORMA	TION	PAST RECORD	
SNOW COURSE		DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inche	
Goat Creek	8800	2/24	40	11.8	22.0	15.9*
Hummingbird Springs	<b>89</b> 45	2/24	49	14.3	25.4	18.4*
Jakes Creek	7000	Rep	ort Dela	yed	2.1	4.0*
Pole Creek Ranger Stati	on 8330	2/24	44	12.8	22.7	15.7*
Red Point	7940	2/28	32	9.3a	10.0	
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March 1, 1966

Duck Valley and Owyhee SCD's can expect a below normal water supply this year. The snowpack ranges from much below average to above average. Most of the snowpack in the higher elevations is below average with the snowpack at low elevations being above average.

The Owyhee near Gold Creek is forecast to flow 14,000 acre-feet or 64 percent during April-July and the Owyhee near Owyhee is forecast to flow 45,000 acre-feet or 61 percent of average.

Wild Horse Reservoir holds 17,000 acre-feet or 121 percent of average, and it is not expected to spill.

Soils are well wetted so little runoff water will be required to recharge the soil mantle.

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month) THIS YEAR LAST YEAR AVERAG		
Wild Horse	33	17	9	14

NOTE:

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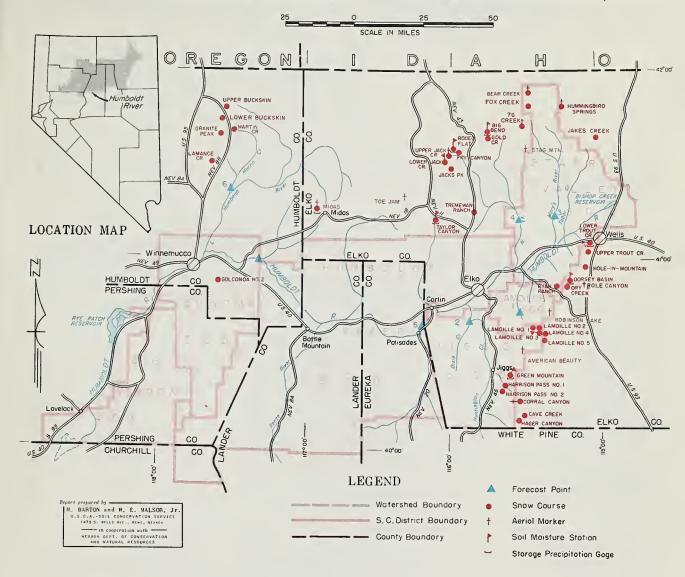
AT NIL - JULY NOROTT (1,000 MG. TC.)							
FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	MEASURED LAST YEAR AVERAG					
l.Owyhee River nr. Owyhee**	45	97	74				
2.Owyhee River nr. Gold Creek**	14	28	22				
** Corrected for ch in Wild Horse Re			age				

<b>SNOW</b> March 1, 1966		CUR	RENT INFORMA	TION	PAST R	ECORD
SNOW COURSE	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONT	ENT (Inches)
Bear Creek Big Bend Columbia Basin Fawn Creek Fox Creek Fry Canyon	7800 6700 6650 7000 6800 6700	2/24 2/24 3/1 3/1 2/24 2/24	40 23 21 16 31 25	11.9 5.5 5.2a 3.8a 8.5 6.5	24.5 7.4 6.3 <sup>a</sup> 0.3 <sup>a</sup> 11.8 5.4	16.6* 8.5  9.4* 7.8
Gold Creek Jack Creek, Upper Laurel Draw Merritt Mountain Midas Rodeo Flat	6600 7250 6700 7800 7200 6800	2/24 3/1 2/24 3/1 3/1 2/24	14 21 26 T 20	3.1 5.5a 6.2 Ta Ta 5.0	4.5 6.8 <sup>a</sup> 6.4 1.2 <sup>a</sup> T <sup>a</sup> 4.2	6.1* 9.5* 7.9*
76 Creek Stag Mountain Taylor Canyon Toe Jam Tremewan Ranch	7100 7700 6200 7700 5700	3/1 3/1 2/25 3/1 2/25	21 12 20 30 12	5.9a 2.6a 5.4 7.5a 3.0	9.9 <sup>a</sup> 6.2 <sup>a</sup> 4.4 6.8 <sup>a</sup>	11.5* 4.6  1.4

SOIL MOISTURE		PROFILE	(Inches)		SOIL MOISTU	RE (Inches)	
STATION	STATION		CAPACITY	DATE	THIS	LAST	2 YEARS
NAME	ELEVATION				YEAR	YEAR	AGO
Bear Creek Big Bend Rodeo Flat Taylor Canyon	7800 6700 6800 6200	72 48 42 48	16.9 16.7 11.0 15.1	2/24 2/24 2/24 2/25	14.7 15.1 10.6 12.4	14.4 16.5 11.0 15.0	9.6 15.7 8.9 12.6

# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

HUMBOLDT RIVER CHURCHILL, ELKO, EUREKA, HUMBOLDT, LANDER & PERSHING COUNTIES, NEVADA



March 1, 1966

Water users in the Lovelock Valley will have a good water supply this year. Rye Patch Reservoir is full and additional water is being stored in the Pit Taylor Reservoirs.

The snowpack in the Humboldt basin varies from below average in the Santa Rosa and Independence ranges to above average at some snow courses in the Ruby Mountains. By elevation zones the low snow is above average with the high snow being below average. The Humboldt is forecast to flow 140,000 acre-feet or 81 percent at Palisade and 95,000 acre-feet at Comus. Lamoille Creek near Lamoille is forecast to flow 23,000 acre-feet or 88 percent of average. The South Fork is expected to flow 57,000 acre-feet or 95 percent of average. Two northern streams - Marys River and the North Fork of the Humboldt - are fore-cast at 20,000 acre-feet or 59 percent of average and 18,000 acre-feet or 53 percent of average respectively. Water users north of the Humboldt River can expect a much below average water supply and those to the south a slightly below average water supply.

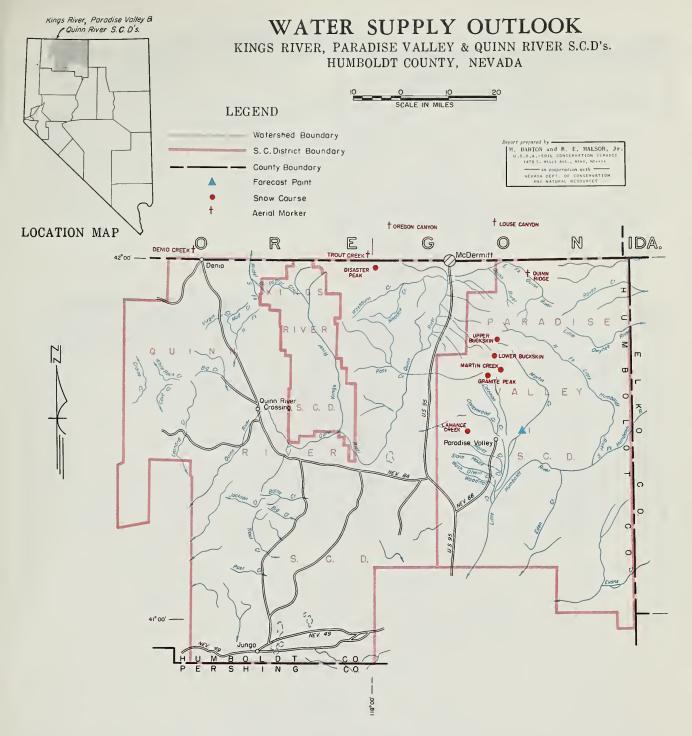
RE	SERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY		ED (First o	f Month) AVERAGE
Rye	Patch	179	179	139	63

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# APRIL - JULY RUNOFF (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

ATRIC TOET ROBOTT (1,000 No. 11.)								
FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	MEAS LAST YEAR						
l.Iamoille Cr. nr. Iamoille 2.So. Fk. Humboldt	23	34	26					
River nr. Elko 3.Marys River above	57	93	60					
Hot Springs Cr. 4.No. Fk. Humboldt	20	52	34					
at Devils Gate	18	43	34					
at Palisade Humboldt River	140	247	273					
at Comus 6.Martin Creek nr.	95	211	127					
Paradise Valley	11	19	1.7					

SNOW March 1, 1966		CUR	RENT INFORMA	TION	PAST R	ECORD
SNOW COURSE	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONT	ENT (Inches)
Hummingbird Springs Bear Creek Big Bend Fawn Creek Fox Creek Fry Canyon Gold Creek Jack Creek, Upper Merritt Mountain Rodeo Flat 76 Creek Stag Mountain Taylor Canyon Toe Jam Tremewan Ranch	8945 7800 6700 7000 6800 6700 6600 7250 7800 6800 7100 6200 7700 5700	22/24 24/24 24/24 22/11/21 25/25 20/21/21 20/21/25 20/21/	90 761 541 HOL NOON	14.395.8a 11.538.551.a 5.95.64.50 5.95.4.50 5.95.4.50	25.4.5.4.6.4.5.8.8.0.0.0.0.4.5.5.1.5.4.6.1.4.9.0.4.5.5.1.5.4.6.1.4.9.0.4.5.5.1.5.5.1.5.5.1.5.5.1.5.5.1.5.5.1.5.5.1.5.5.1.5.5.1.5	18.4* 16.6* 9.4* 7.8 6.1* 9.5* 11.5* 4.6
American Beauty Cave Creek Corral Canyon Dorsey Basin Dry Creek Green Mountain Hager Canyon Harrison Pass #1 Harrison Pass #2 Hole-in-Mountain Lamoille #1 Lamoille #2 Lamoille #3 Lamoille #4 Lamoille #5 Ryan Ranch Trout Creek, Lower Trout Creek, Upper Robinson Lake Midas Golconda #2	7800 7500 8500 8500 8500 8000 6600 7400 7100 7300 7700 8000 8700 5800 6900 8500 9200 7200 6000	7/7/1/1/80 80 80 7/7/7/1/1/80 80 80 7/7/7/7/1/80 80 80 7/7/7/7/7/1/80 80 80 7/7/7/7/7/7/1/80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 8	301 353 352 24 434 551 340 48 2	7.77 a 7.622 3.6 3.0211.0 6.6a a 5.6 19.5 6.2 9.9 9.3 17.4 5.6 a a 5.6 a 19.5 6.2 a 5.6 a 19.5 a 1		13.5
Buckskin, Lower Buckskin, Upper Granite Peak Lamance Creek Martin Creek Pole Canyon	6700 7200 7800 6000 6700 9140	2/23 2/23 2/23 2/24 2/23 3/1	24 31 22 26 24	6.32 7.6.3 1.3a	1 700 1	8.5* 7.9* 10.9 8.9 8.9 er M-1798-2



March 1, 1966

Snowpack in the Santa Rosa Mountains is variable this year with snow courses ranging from 62 to 116 percent of their March 1 averages. The overall average is 75-85 percent.

The irrigation season water supply outlook for Paradise Valley ranchers is only fair. Martin Creek is forecast to flow 11,000 acre-feet during April-July 1966. This is only 65 percent of average. Late season streamflow will be poor unless precipitation during March-May proves to be above normal.

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY		ED (First o	f Month) AVERAGE
Rye Patch	179	179	139	63

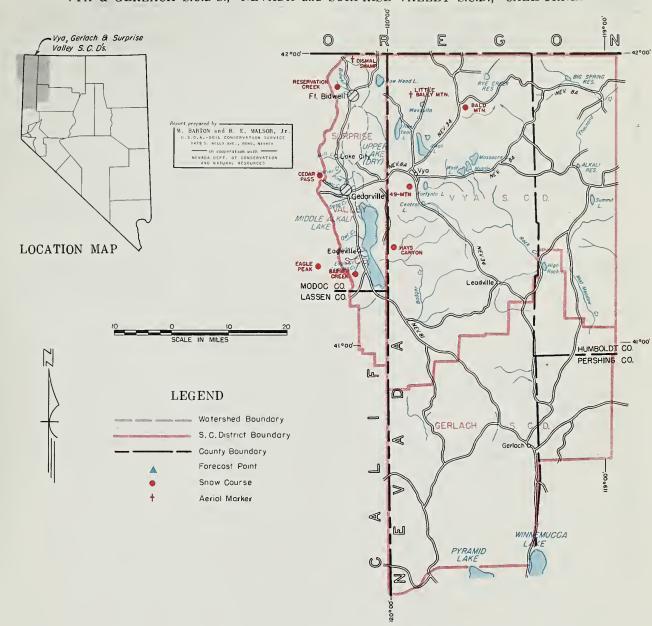
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MINIE JUET NUMBER (1,000	MU. 11.	<u> </u>	
FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	MEASI LAST YEAR	JRED AVERAGE
l.Martin Creek nr. Paradise Valley	11	19	17
2.Humboldt River at Palisade	140	247	173
3.Humboldt River at Comus	95	211	127
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<b>SNOW</b> March 1, 1966		CURI	RENT INFORMA	TION	PAST R	ECORD
SNOW COURSE	DATE OF SHO	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT (Inches		
NAME	ELEVATION	SURVEY	(Inches)	(Inches)	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Buckskin, Lower Buckskin, Upper Disaster Peak Denio Creek (Oregon) Granite Peak Lamance Creek Louse Canyon (Oregon) Martin Creek Oregon Canyon (Oregon) Quinn Ridge Trout Creek (Oregon)	6700 7200 6500 6000 7800 6000 6440 6700 7240 6300 7800	2/23 2/25 2/28 3/2 2/23 2/24 3/2 2/23 3/2 3/2 3/2	24 31 33 6 22 25 21 24 13 17 20	69.576 a 30.576 a 30.585 5.85 5.85 5.85 5.85 5.85 5.85 5.85	7.3 8.4 12.3 a/ 18.9 7.9 a/ 10.4 7.0 a/ 9.2 a/ 9.2 a/	8.5* 7.9* 14.6* 10.9 8.9

# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

VYA & GERLACH S.C.D'S., NEVADA and SURPRISE VALLEY S.C.D., CALIFORNIA



March 1, 1966

Surprise Valley water users will have only a fair irrigation season water supply this coming spring and summer. Coordinated forecasts of the California Department of Water Resources and the Soil Conservation Service snow survey units indicate that April-September 1966 streamflow from the east slope of the Warners will range from 63 to 71 percent of average.

Water content of snow in the Surprise Valley and Vya SCD's is below average at 75 percent of the March 1 average. Cedarville precipitation October 1965-February 1966 was 3.94 inches compared to 9.07 inches last year and an average of 7.56 inches.

Good March precipitation and early spring precipitation could markedly improve the present outlook.

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month) THIS YEAR LAST YEAR AVERAGE			

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# APRIL - JULY RUNOFF (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST THIS YEAR	URED AVERAGE	
Bidwell Creek nr. Fort Bidwell	9.3	**	14.3*
Mill Creek above all diversions	3.6	**	5.5
Deep Creek above all diversions	2.4	<del>**</del>	3.8
Eagle Creek nr. mouth of canyon Note: April-Sept. fo	3.7 recast	** S.	5.2

Coordinated forecasts of SCS and Calif. Dept. Water Resources Snow Survey Units.

SNOW March 1, 1966		CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
SNOW COURSE		DATE OF	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	
NAME .	ELEVATION	SURVEY	(Inches)	(Inches)	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
Bald Mountain Barber Creek (Calif.) Cedar Pass (Calif.) Dismal Swamp (Oregon) 49 Mountain Hays Canyon Little Bally Mountain Reservation Creek (Calif.)	6720 6500 7100 7000 6000 6400 6000 5900	2/23 2/24 3/2 2/26 2/25 2/25 2/26 2/24	13 30 44 36 17 12 11 32	2.7 7.6 10.5 10.4a 3.4 2.3 3.2a 9.4	2.4 14.1 17.3 18.0a/ 5.3 4.2 1.2a/ 10.4	3.5 10.5* 13.8 15.8* 4.3* 3.8*

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